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LOMATIUM ATTENUATUM
TAPER-TIP DESERT PARSLEY

Taper-tip Desert-parsley is a perennial with 1-2 leaves on the lower portion of stems that are 7-25 cm long tall, arising from a tuberous-thickened root. Leaves have a petiole that sheaths the stem and broadly lance-shaped blades that are 2-11 cm long and 3-4 times divided into oblong-linear segments that are 2-5 mm long. Foliage is sandpaper-like. Tiny yellow flowers are borne in 5-8 clusters that are arranged at the ends of 1-5 cm stalks in an open, umbrella-like inflorescence at the top of the stem. Each cluster is subtended by 0-6 pointed, linear, inconspicuous bracts. Flowers have 5 separate petals surmounting an ovary that matures into a glabrous, elliptical, flattened fruit that is 5-8 mm long with corky, ca. 0.5 mm wide wings on each side. Fruiting in July.

LOMATIUM COUS is similar but the flower cluster is subtended by conspicuous elliptical bracts, and the foliage is smooth.